

Blessington Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of P.P.C. Meeting – Thursday 8 October 2015

- Venue:** Meeting Room, Parish Centre
- Present:** Fr Richard Behan, Ann Creighton, Liam Fay, Sally Joyce, Betty Murphy, Declan Naughton, Noel Nolan, Carmel O'Donovan, Gerry Staines, , Mary Young
- Apologies:** Eileen Gallagher
- Chairperson:** Noel Nolan
- Secretary:** Liam Fay

Matters Discussed / Decisions

1 Welcome and Introductions with Fr Richard Behan PP

The meeting was opened by Fr Richard opened the meeting with a prayer for our successful deliberations. The Agenda followed is shown above.

2 Minutes of Meeting of 10 September 2015 and matters arising

1. These were reviewed and accepted.
2. Contact has been made with Rosemary Lavelle of the Evangelisation Office who is to revert soon regarding the 'Children's Church' initiative; in the meantime no notice will be published in the Newsletter.
3. Fr Richard advised that the Finance Committee has decided to invest in a marble statue at a cost of €6,700 rather than the fibre-glass model originally selected by the Parish Pastoral Council. This will be in place by 8th December.
4. The land swap at the back of the church will not now proceed as the other party has withdrawn.

3 Coimín Centre Update

1. The opening hours of the coffee shop have now been extended to 9 – 12 with additional volunteers in place. The recent Cake Sale highlighted the need for more strict procedures to be followed by those hiring for this purpose; the input of Sally Joyce in resolving some recent difficulties was acknowledged.
2. Centre is still awaiting payment from the HSE, such payment being dependent on HSE agreement on extra days.

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4 BYP Update

1. BYP committee had met on 7 October.
2. There had also been a multi-agency meeting of groups with a responsibility for youngsters on Tuesday 6th October; however, Túsla was not present.
3. An open meeting is to be held on 21st October in the Community College and will be addressed by members of An Garda Síochana, including the Superintendent.
4. Sally is well ahead with the signage for the retail outlets and pubs.
5. A commemorative plaque for Conor Earley (RIP) is planned for dCaf where some clubs are now up and running. Others with a music interest may join in later.
6. The counselling service is now in place and three youths are now engaged and another two have returned to education.

5 Sunday School

1. Awaiting response from Rosemary Lavelle of the Office of Evangelisation.

7 Gospel

Topic: Mark 10:17-27 "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Correspondence;

1. Fr Richard passed on the good news that he had been appointed Dean of the Blessington Deanery.
2. An invitation was received to the Autumn gathering of the Blessington and South Dublin and Tallaght Deaneries on November 7th; those interested in attending to advise Ann.

AOB

1. Gluten-free hosts will continue to be available from the altar for those who need them; it was pointed out that some people may be reluctant to approach the altar and the matter will be kept under review.
2. October Mass census assignments were handed out.

Next meeting: Thursday November 12th

Chairperson : to be decided